

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-15, 31, and 32 are now pending in the application. Claims 4 and 16-30 have been cancelled from the application. Newly added claims 31 and 32 depend from independent claim 11 and mirror previously presented claims 2 and 3. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Examiner points to previously presented claims 16, 19, 24, 26, 29, and 30. Applicant has cancelled these claims from the application, thereby rendering this objection moot.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 19-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicant has cancelled claims 16-30, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 4-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Previously presented claims 1-3 recite statutory subject matter. Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to recite statutory subject matter of claim 1. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1-3 are objected to but would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Previously presented claim 1 multiply depended from claims 4 and 11. Claim 1 has been re-written in independent form to include the limitations of claim 4. Likewise, claim 11 has been amended to recite the subject matter from objected to claim 1. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 11, along with claims depending therefrom, should be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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